



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Minutes

January 9, 2023

The Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board met in regular session.

*Indicates online

Board Members present: Alan Kailer, Marcia Schroeder, Jane Byrnes, Russell Fox, Monte Shaw, and Garrett Foster

City Staff: Council member Brian Frye, Gary Janzen, Tia Raamot, James Wagner, and Sarah Pineda

Guests: Tyler Ummel, Brett Letkowski, Sharon Hewitt*, Kim Neufeld*, Ashley Bryers, and an unknown male

Call to order: by Alan Kailer, Chair, at 5:35 pm

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of December minutes postponed to February. Jane Byrnes and Marcia Schroeder will send amendments to Sarah Pineda.

2. **Public Comments**

None

3. **Discussion Item**

1) **Public Safety Project, 21st Street North, 119th to 135th Streets West, Gary Janzen**

21st Street between 119th and 135th is a two-lane road. There have been several crashes in recent years, including two fatalities. Area residents went to DAB 5 requesting that something be done. This section of road carries 6 to 8 thousand vehicles per day. It is scheduled for total reconstruction in the 2031 CIP.

Right now, what is needed most is a left turn lane at Teal Brook. Gary said that budget money is available to resurface the road, restripe it, and put delineators to help protect the shoulders. The road is 44 feet wide: 24 foot roadway and two 10 foot shoulders. The new configuration will have three 11 foot lanes and two 5 ½ foot

shoulders. The west half of this section is in the county, so Sedgwick County will do that work.

After some discussion, Russell Fox moved that we approve the project. Monte Shaw seconded. Motion carried unanimously

2) WAMPO Presentation: Annual Bike Count. Ashley Bryers, Transportation Planning Manager

Ashley began by explaining that any urban area with at least 50,000 residents is required to have an MPO. MPOs develop both short-range and long-range transportation plans as a way to channel federal transportation funds for local use. WAMPO receives \$10-12 million each year. WAMPO's jurisdiction includes all of Sedgwick county plus bits of Butler and Sumner counties (Andover, Rose Hill, and Mulvane.)

The 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count results are very similar to 2021. In 2021 the "Other" category was slightly larger—might have meant more scooters. In 2022 the Bike count went up 3%. The entire Count results are available at www.wampo.org.

The official counts are done only at intersections. Jane Byrnes expressed concern that jaywalkers are not counted even though jaywalking is sometimes safer.

WAMPO has created an online interactive map to show count data. Ashley also said that WAMPO is working on some automated counting equipment to enhance the volunteer counts.

Jane Byrnes asked what is done with this information. Ashley said that the data is used for grant applications and to compare the mode split between biking, walking, and cars.

3) Vision Zero. Ashley Bryers, Transportation Planning Manager

Vision Zero is a transportation safety philosophy based on the principle that loss of life is not an acceptable price to pay for mobility. It provides a framework to eliminate severe injuries and deaths in the transportation system. Vision Zero recognizes that human behavior is imperfect and the transportation system should be designed to minimize the consequences of human error.

The Federal Highway Administration has been using this and we will be using it going forward. This is about educating the public to be safer: safer vehicles, safer speeds, safer roads, and post-crash care as well.

WAMPO is working on a comprehensive safety action plan. The planning process started in November. Our plan must be completed by August so we can use it to apply for federal grants.

In March there will be a Transportation Safety Workshop which will be open to the public. Ashley will send information to Tia and Alan.

4 Staff Reports and Updates

None

5 Old Business

None

6 New Business

None

7 Board Comments

None

8 Adjournment

With no objections, Alan Kailer adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM

The board's next meeting will be held on **February 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**